

Black Lives Matter

Peaceful Citywide Protests For Racial Justice/Equality

by Melissa Sites

Greenbelters turned out in significant numbers at various places around town over the weekend to protest violence against people of color. Vigils of unity, solidarity and peace were held at Roosevelt Center, Hanover Parkway, Franklin Park, Greenbelt Community Church and Beltway Plaza, as well as at impromptu neighborhood gatherings including on the Spellman Overpass.

As evening fell in Roosevelt Center on Saturday, a crowd of at least 200 assembled for a Unity gathering, drum circle and candlelight vigil to demonstrate peace and solidarity in the Greenbelt community. The idea was set rolling by Franklin Park resident Carla Johns, who spread the word on social media. Simultaneously, a candlelight vigil was held on Hanover Parkway, led by LaWann Stribling, while a third vigil was held in Franklin Park.

Both community organizers were motivated by a feeling of responsibility towards their family members, friends and neighbors. Stribling believes that such vigils



PHOTO BY OMAR MITCHELL

Three of LaWann Stribling's children participate in the candlelight vigil on Hanover Parkway. From left, Sanaa (5), twins Samuel (8) and Samiya (8).

are important for racial unity, "because everyone has to be in this fight for equality. We need the community to support us at 100 percent, and we need the police to understand that you just don't treat people badly, at all." Johns stated, "I have family and friends and fellow neighbors who are important to me, and it is

important to form a united front and stand up against both equality injustices and police brutality, and racially motivated murders of persons of color."

Stribling's family had held a candlelight observance at their home, but wanted to do more.

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ERHS Class of 2020 Grads' Awards Celebrated Virtually

by Patrick Gleason

Though health precautions necessitated a virtual Senior Awards Ceremony, the bright futures of the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) class of 2020 shone brightly the evening of June 3. Valedictorian Melissa Jones and Edwin Gamez Hernandez received the Chief Executive Officer's Award, while Chloe Widman and Matthew Miller earned the Principal's Award. The Eleanor Roosevelt Award – for students who embody the spirit of the school's namesake – went to Isabella Baker and Chris Tahoe. Nicole Miko, who will be attend-

ing the University of Maryland on the Banneker/Key Scholarship, was recognized as the salutatorian.

The David and Juanita MacLin Memorial Scholarship is awarded to four Prince George's County high school students and three of the winners this year are Roosevelt graduates: Jaily Brown, Nyla Howell and Aiden Benyarku. Zion Albright also earned the Delegate Anne Healey Award – for a Greenbelt resident with exceptional community service – after her contributions to the ERHS soccer program, Do

Something Club and Art Club. Nina Brown and Hans Konchou earned the ACE Award, while Samantha Bailor was the Outstanding English Student and Leo Kuo the recipient of a National Merit Scholarship, in addition to the many other awards presented by various staff members.

The achievements of these seniors only highlight the impressive collection of young minds

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Melissa Jones, Valedictorian and Chief Executive Officer's Award



Edwin Gamez Hernandez, Chief Executive Officer's Award

- Photos courtesy ERHS

What Goes On

Monday, June 15
8 p.m. City Council Work-session: Refinancing and Long-range Financial Planning
Wednesday, June 17
8 p.m., City Council Work-session with Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition (GEAC)
Thursday, June 18
7 p.m., Community Meeting with Greenbelt Police. See city ad for details.
All meetings are virtual. See the meetings calendar at greenbeltmd.gov for agendas and information on public participation in these meetings.

Black Lives Matter

Council Ponders First Steps Toward Making Police Reforms

by Diane Oberg

From Councilmember Rodney Roberts' emphasis on the word justice in leading the pledge of allegiance, through the unanimous approval of a proclamation declaring that black lives matter in Greenbelt, and elsewhere to acknowledging the need for more discussion of what police reform steps may be necessary, the Greenbelt City Council, at its Monday, June 8 meeting, took its first actions in response to the murder of George Floyd by Minneapolis police. Many of the councilmembers, officers and staff had participated in peaceful demonstrations and they now turned to "what happens next?"

While the councilmembers and Police Chief Richard Bowers expressed confidence in city police, all agreed that the city

must evaluate its current practices and identify any areas needing improvement.

Mayor Colin Byrd presented two proclamations, neither tied directly to the current situation but both still relevant. The first, presented virtually to Alexander Barnes Sr., proclaimed June to be Peace Month in Greenbelt. The proclamation noted the longstanding efforts by the city through its various social service entities such as the Community Relations Advisory Board, CARES youth and family counseling, and recreation programs to nurture a culture pervaded by peace and nonviolence and continue their commitment to diversity, cooperation, peace and nonviolence.

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PHOTO BY JAMIE VOYSEKHOVSKA

Local teenagers staff a yard sale raising funds for D.C. Freedom Fighters and Black Lives Matter. See story, p.7. Este artículo está disponible en español en nuestra página web www.greenbeltnewsreview.com.

COVID-19

Council Discusses Reopening Of Restaurants and Recreation

by Matthew Arbach

In light of the Phase 1 state reopening and the recent Prince George's County ordinance, City Manager Nicole Ard convened a special meeting of the Greenbelt City Council on June 3 to discuss what these responses to the pandemic mean for the city. Mayor Colin Byrd said it would be useful "to flesh some things out," in order "to do right by our residents" to protect public health and safety.

Topics for discussion were mainly the reopening of local businesses, specifically restaurants, and the current state and future plans of the Recreation Department, as it endeavors to provide programs that are in line with safety guidelines laid down by the federal, state and county governments.

In a separate interview, Assistant City Manager David Moran said that restaurants and other businesses must meet and comply with city codes and that it is his understanding that they must also meet county codes and rules, particularly related to food service and liquor licensing. He added that "regarding the COVID situation, the county and in particular the Health Department are really the lead authority in terms of which businesses can reopen and what the requirements are."

On June 1, the county allowed qualified restaurants to reopen their outdoor seating. Named the Restaurant Temporary Outdoor Seating Area (RTOSA) initiative, it puts into place a multi-agency

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Editorial

What Fits We Print – Mostly

In a sentence of Frank Kayser’s letter published June 4, we inserted the word ‘please’ which didn’t match the angry content of his letter. This changed the letter’s tone, which is something we try to avoid. We also, deliberately in this case, omitted a paragraph with implied scatological language that gave offense without, in our opinion, advancing his argument.

The Editorial Board of the News Review has the right to not publish, or to publish and edit any submission to this newspaper without explanation to the writer. Publication is entirely our decision and may be based on any combination of our editorial standards, appropriateness, topicality, rationality, space availability or merely that the topic has already been discussed sufficiently.

Letters turned down recently include, for example, suggestions that if people ate the diet recommended by the letter writer, they would have less need of transplants. We did not publish this letter because we do not dispense medical advice. We do not publish letters that we believe would incite hatred or which present assertions as though they were facts. We do not publish letters that involve consumer complaints, personal attacks or pseudo-scientific results associated with extremist causes.

We publish opinions we as individuals disagree with. We publish letters that criticize this paper if the criticism is founded in fact. This week, though, we elected not to publish a highly critical letter. It proposed that this newspaper was racist because it published Mr. Kayser’s angry reaction to being told what to do (despite his stated sympathies with BLM). Publishing a letter does not mean we agree with the ideas, emotions, opinions or solutions suggested. His letter was one of only three letter/opinion submissions related to the murder of George Floyd received in time for our June 4 issue, including Mayor Byrd’s proposal and Chief Bowers’ letter. All three were published.

This week’s coverage of our community’s solidarity with Black Lives Matter should help dispel any concern that we condone racism, are apathetic to brutality or are indifferent to human suffering. The board and staff of the News Review are no nameless conglomerate, but are comprised of concerned, compassionate, everyday city residents, many of whom participated in the weekend’s protests not as uninvolved reporters, but as protesters themselves. And not for the first time – in some cases for decades.

We counsel readers to cool off before writing and to present their case in a reasoned and coherent manner. Rational discourse is more likely to persuade and much more likely to be published. We believe effective commentary is without rancor, abuse, intolerance, bad science or bad language – and we publish even when we don’t agree with the point being made as long as the letter meets our standards.

That’s our viewpoint and we try hard to stick to it.

Greenbelt Fights Too

I want to thank the organizers of Saturday’s Black Lives Matter vigil in Roosevelt Center. It was an uplifting event, and more so because it was organized by younger residents who wanted to bring community together to demonstrate our collective outrage at the public lynching of George Floyd and of the countless murders of unarmed Black Americans, particularly over the past few months.

Katy Gaughan and the drum circle set an inviting tone and called residents to come together to express their shock and horror at what continues to occur in America. Carla Johns opened the program and Ric Gordon provided an opening prayer. Mayor Byrd’s remarks were both a call to action and an expression of hope for a more just society for all people going forward.

It was heartwarming to see so many Greenbelt residents come out, protest peacefully, practice social distancing and support the demands for an end to police brutality and murder of Black, Brown, Trans and Indigenous peoples.

Our country is at a crossroad and as MLK, Jr. stated: “We can learn to live together as brothers (sisters) or perish as fools.”

Malcolm X put it simply: “The ballot or the bullet.”

After 500 years Black Americans are still fighting to become full and equal citizens in their own country, a country that their free labor of 211 years built.

Many Greenbelt residents came together to say that we are in this fight too. We all want justice for the George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and Ahmaud Arbery families: an end to systemic racism and police violence.

Dr. Lois Rosado

Mayor’s Proposals

We are writing in support of the thoughts and ideas that were so eloquently expressed by Mayor Byrd in his front-page article (June 4) concerning the circumstances surrounding the murder

of George Floyd and the way forward for Greenbelt. Mayor Byrd vividly exemplifies the leadership we need on this important issue. His heartfelt expression of sadness and grief was the essence of the feelings so many of us have felt, not only this week, but for many years, and for some of our neighbors, friends, brothers and sisters, their entire lives. We all share responsibility for our part in perpetuating institutional racism, bearing witness to these horrendous acts and actively working to abolish them in any and every way we are capable of doing so.

Mayor Byrd’s proposals offer a balanced and practical way forward. His approach is based on a realistic assessment of our police force and covers the many facets of police-community interactions that occur in Greenbelt and beyond.

We agree with each of his steps, but would like to add one more. That is, to address the situation where a police officer is disciplined or terminated from one law enforcement agency for offenses against individuals, and then applies to another agency, such as the Greenbelt police force. A thorough investigation must be conducted to determine if an applicant lists ALL prior employment, and the reasons for his or her leaving those previous positions. In addition to a thorough investigation of an applicant’s personnel file, a search of the local media for any reports of complaints against the applicant that may not have been included in his or her personnel file, must be conducted. If, after an investigation at any time during the application process or employment, it is found that a Police Department civilian employee or uniformed officer omits any of this disqualifying information, they should be terminated immediately, with loss of any benefits accrued during their tenure.

Of course, the Greenbelt Police Department may already have this policy, along with some of the 12 points listed in the June 4th article. Even if some of these policy practices are in place,

though, it is critical that they be codified.

We applaud Mayor Byrd for his efforts to unify all of Greenbelt and impartially address the concerns of all of our residents. We look forward to the City Council taking up his proposal in the coming weeks.

*Michael Hartman
and Lore Rosenthal
2019 Outstanding Citizens*

Blowin’ in the Wind...

Fifty years ago when four students were killed and nine wounded by the National Guard at Kent State University and two students were murdered and 12 wounded by city and state police at Jackson State University, protests occurred for weeks everywhere.

It felt like a pivotal moment in our country but then the protests stopped.

The summer street carnival came to an end.

More people today than in 1970 seem to acknowledge the reality of police brutality.

The question is: how can we sustain a commitment to change our anti-black system, when current protests subside?

Last week Mayor Byrd challenged us to support a Greenbelt Fair and Just Policing Act of 2020.

Do we have the staying power to see such legislation become a reality in our own community?

Or will another 50 years pass with little notice?

Donna Hoffmeister

Thank You Protesters ... And Police

At my 7-year-old son’s request, my family and I attended the protest for social justice on Sunday, June 7 in front of the Greenbelt Community Church on Crescent Road. I want to thank the protesters for providing my son with a safe and supportive place to exercise his First Amendment right to assemble for the first time.

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Letters Policy

The News Review reserves the right not to publish any letter submitted. Letters are considered accepted when published. All letters must include the letter writer’s name, physical address and telephone number. Only the name will be published; the News Review will consider withholding the name upon request. All letters are subject to editing for reasons of space, libel, privacy, taste, copyright and clarity.

Correction

The photo of mask wearers Mary Ann Baker and Judy Parker on last week’s front page was taken by Sarah Sisler, Baker’s granddaughter.

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Community Events

Reel and Meal Views Film on the Holocaust



Jonathan Brent, eminent Holocaust historian, will present following the film.

On Monday, June 15, Reel and Meal presents via Zoom the documentary Who Will Write Our History. The film is a reenactment of events in the Warsaw Ghetto between 1939-40 after the Nazis invaded Poland, the Warsaw Ghetto's tragic destruction in 1944-45, and the ruins that remained when the Russians liberated Warsaw. Community leaders collected eyewitness accounts as these events occurred and buried them (stored in milk containers and metal boxes), hoping that the archive would survive the war even if they did not. It took years to recover the archive of 30,000 pages, which now forms an important source of information about the Holocaust.

Eminent scholar and researcher Jonathan Brent, executive director and CEO of The YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, will be present following the film. YIVO is the world's premier academic institute devoted to teaching and the study of East European Jewish history, language and culture. It has the most comprehensive archive of the modern Jewish experience outside of Israel.

Register for the film and discussion on Zoom via this link: tinyurl.com/June15ReelandMeal. Zoom will be accessible at 6:30 p.m. and the film will start at 7 p.m.

Respond Now To School Survey

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) has released a survey to gather input from families and students about their distance learning experience and ideas for improvement moving forward. Since the outbreak of the Coronavirus/COVID-19 global pandemic, the school system has worked to provide educational and support services for students and families.

The survey, which closes Friday, June 12, is available in English, Spanish and French. Parents may access the survey on the school system's distance learning webpage or directly at surveymonkey.com/t/PGCPS_Distance_Learning_Survey_English. Students should have received the survey through their PGCPS-issued email address.

An employee survey will be distributed next week.

Save Energy, Money With John Lippert

During these perilous, uncertain times, money is short for a lot of people. Staying at home often means higher electric and water bills. Saving energy not only lowers energy bills, it lowers greenhouse gas emissions. That's good for both wallets and the planet.

On Sunday, June 14 at 7:30 p.m., join in the second Zoom presentation celebrating the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. This interactive one-hour presentation by John Lippert (with time afterwards for Q&A), sponsored jointly by the Green Teams of the Greenbelt Community Church and the City of Greenbelt, will cover both simple actions everyone can take to lower their energy bills and tips to help make participants informed consumers.

Lippert is the chair of the Greenbelt Green Team and the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (Green ACES). He retired after working in the fields of energy efficiency and renewable energy.

RSVP to gccjane@aol.com by Saturday, June 13 to receive the Zoom link. To avoid interruption by Zoom bombers, you must provide your username as it will appear in Zoom.

Flick of the Week Film Discussion

The Old Greenbelt Theatre hosts film discussions via Zoom every Sunday at 2 p.m. On Sunday, June 14, the film will be Hairspray (1988, 92 minutes, PG, CC), selected by OGT volunteer Tammy Hurley. Siobhan Hagan of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Moving Image Archive will also share special archival footage from Baltimore. To view the film ahead of the discussion, find links to the film online at greenbeltheatre.org/film/flick-of-the-week/.

Go to greenbeltheatre.org/film/flick-of-the-week/ to register for the film discussion to receive information on how to access the Zoom call. Those without internet access can participate in the film discussion via phone. Call Kelly at 301-329-2034 to request access information.

About Hairspray (1988)

When Tracy Turnblad (Ricki Lake), an overweight teen, auditions for a spot on a popular teen dance show, she beats out the spiteful Amber von Tussle, winning over Amber's boyfriend in the process. After meeting some black students at her school, Tracy begins to push for more racial integration on the dance show. This gets her into trouble on many sides, especially with Amber's pushy parents.

Greenbelt Unplugged Mindfulness Meeting

On Sunday, June 14, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Greenbelt Unplugged will host another mindfulness meeting by Zoom. We will be explaining and engaging Bohm Dialogue, a method of exploring a topic that emphasizes listening and validating the contributions of all participants. For the Zoom link you can contact us through our website or email events@greenbeltunplugged.org.

Discussion to Fight Racism

Greenbelt Community Church (GCC) invites the community for an educational event and discussion on fighting racism on Friday, June 19 at 7 p.m. GCC is partnering with the organization Coming To The Table to raise awareness and work together to fight racism. Jane Carrigan (comingtothetable.org/about-us/) is the distinguished guest speaker. RSVP to kenlittlefield1@aol.com for Zoom meeting information.

June 19 is also known as Freedom Day, Jubilee Day and Celib-eration. It is the anniversary of the reading of the Emancipation Proclamation to the people of Texas by General George Granger, officially ending slavery in the last state of the U.S.

Baseball and Reading At the Virtual Library

The 2019 World Series Champion Washington Nationals and Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) are proud to provide creative ways for Prince Georgians to stay connected with baseball and reading this summer. The Nationals and PGCMLS are partnering to present Imagine Your Story, a virtual Summer @ Your Library (S@YL) program in English and Spanish for all ages that runs through August 21. Imagine Your Story is the first online-only summer reading and engagement program in the history of the PGCMLS, ensuring that all Prince Georgians can safely engage with the library and the beloved hometown baseball team as the community recovers from the public health emergency.

The Washington Nationals are generously making a wide range of online content available for Prince Georgians through S@YL with the PGCMLS, including storytimes with the World Series Champs, reading activities in English and Spanish and reading recommendations for kids through adults.

Tea Time on Zoom

The Greenbelt Community Tea continues to meet weekly on Thursdays at 7 p.m. for a purely social time, to help counteract cabin fever and to get to know your neighbors. Participants talk about anything and everything. Make a cup of tea and hop onto Zoom.

Find the group on Facebook at facebook.com/pg/greenbelttimebank/events. The Facebook event includes the link to the Zoom call. Those not on Facebook can email timebank@gmail.com to request the Zoom link.

The Community Tea is not a Greenbelt Time Bank event, but they are offering their resources to make this successful.

Restaurant Updates

An updated list of local restaurants which are open for take-out/delivery can be found at www.greenbeltnewsreview.com.



Roosevelt Center Vigil



The drum circle group plays at the vigil in Roosevelt Center on Saturday evening.



From left, Jean Turkiewicz, Rachel Turkiewicz Alexander and Diana Turkiewicz light candles.



Participants line up along Crescent Road with their candles.

- Photos by Jon Gardner

GREENBELT ACCESS TELEVISION

Friday June 12 - Thursday June 18

PROGRAM SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

CONNECT WITH GATe ON

7 am	Greenbelt Newsreel	• or Selections From the GATe Archive
8 am	Democracy Now!	• Repeat of Yesterday's Program
9 am	GATe Classic Film ★ Musical/Fantasy • 1952 Color	• Jack and the Beanstalk • Abbott and Costello • Directed by Jean Yarbrough
11 am	Greenbelt Newsreel	• or Selections From the GATe Archive
SAT/SUN	Member Spotlight	• GATe Community Producers
12 pm	Democracy Now!	• Today's Program • Independent News
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More Community Events
are located throughout
the paper.

Black Lives Matter - Interfaith Event



Reverend Glennyce Grindstaff of Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ and Rabbi Saul Oresky of Mishkan Torah Synagogue display their signs during a June 7 Interfaith Event on Crescent Road.



From left, Susan Breon, Keith Johnson and Rachel Alexander participate in the Interfaith Event.

- Photos by Karen Yoho

Peace and Justice Coalition Lists Peace Corp Volunteers

by Marjorie Gray

For Peace Month this year, Prince George’s Peace and Justice Coalition is compiling a list of Greenbelters who served in the Peace Corps. Here is the list so far:

1965-67 Ed Fallon, English as a foreign language, Thailand
1967-69 Mary Ernsberger, tuberculosis control, rural South Korea
1981-83 Mary Beth Anderson Flowers, art education, Jamaica
1984-85 Amy Odegaard, health care, Zaire
1986-90 Joanie Cohen, early childhood education, Haiti and Paraguay
1991-93 Beth LeaMond, agroforestry Program, Togo
1995-97 Justine Desmarais, hygiene and maternal/child health, El Salvador
1995-97 Alisha Zompa, Bulgaria
1996-99 Alex Barnes, math and physics teaching, Tanzania
1998-00 Errol Mazurzky, health projects, The Gambia
1999-01 Sara Mazurzky, education and health, The Gambia
1999-00 Jeannette Grotke, teacher trainer, Thailand
2000-03 Christina Martin, small business enterprise, Senegal

2001-02 Suzette Agans, college business teacher, Russia
2001-03 Ben Friedman, economic development, Honduras
2006-08 Ben Skolnik, natural resources management, Peru
2006-08 Libby Bixby Skolnik, community health, Peru
2007-08 Alex Barnes and Bri Boylan, agriculture, Niger
2007-09 Ronda Ansted, non-governmental organization development, HIV-AIDS
2008-10 Salina Appiah-Duffell, pediatric community health, Malawi
2009-11 Melissa Hill, youth life skills, HIV-AIDS prevention, South Africa
2018-19 Abby Winkler Crowley, college teacher-training, The Philippines

The Prince George’s Peace and Justice Coalition will host a Peace Corps Forum on June 30. Former volunteers are invited to share insights on how their service furthered personal, local and/or world peace. All are welcome to this Zoom gathering.
Meeting ID: 846 8987 3729
Password: 147450
See ad on page 7 for information on upcoming Peace Circles.

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40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors
Find us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/mowattumc) [facebook.com/mowattumc](https://www.facebook.com/mowattumc)
301-474-9410
Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor
In person worship services cancelled for now.
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10 a.m. Sunday mornings

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Saturday morning services at 10:00am
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Affiliated with these movements: Conservative and Reconstructing Judaism

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi
Phone: 301-937-3666 www.pbuuc.org
Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community
June 14 10 a.m.
“Conflict and Community Relations: Building a New Way”
Minister Rev. Rachel Christensen and the PBUUC Community Relations Team: Carol Boston, Deb Rubenstein and Paul Wester; with Samantha Evans, Worship Associate
Ignoring, avoiding, triangulating, or exacerbating (stirring the pot) are some of the ways people handle conflict within communities, including ours. What if there’s a better way, one that involves skillful direct communication, even if that feels awkward and unfamiliar at the beginning? Join the current members of Paint Branch’s developing Community Relations Team to build and practice skills in this area and learn how facilitators might support you in having more brave conversations at Paint Branch.
Streaming info will be posted at <https://bit.ly/PBJune2020>

St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church

www.sthughofgrenoble.org
Visit our website for daily updates and spiritual reflections.
Celebrate Mass Live on Facebook:
Sunday — 11:00 am, Monday through
Thursday — 12:00 noon, Friday — 7:15 am,
and Saturday — 9:00 am
“Jesus Christ is risen, Alleluia”



Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.
You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.

Worship with us at Greenbelt Baptist Church

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Greenbelt Community Church

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1 Hillside Road 301-474-6171 Rev. Glennyce Grindstaff

The Bible Says...

“A new commandment I (Jesus) give to you,
that you love one another,
even as I have loved you,
that you also love one another.”
John 13:34



Sunday Worship Services
10a-11a ONLINE
MCFcc.org/online



“The tensions, divisions, and injustices that currently beset America are symptoms of a longstanding illness. The nation is afflicted with a deep spiritual disorder, manifest in rampant materialism, widespread moral decay, and a deeply ingrained racial prejudice. As a result, millions of our fellow Americans, subject to systemic injustices in many facets of life, are prevented from making their full contributions to society and of partaking fully in its benefits....
“The resolution to these challenges lies in recognizing and embracing ...the incontrovertible truth that humanity is one. Ignorance of this truth—which embodies the very spirit of the Age—is itself a form of oppression, for without it, it is impossible to build a truly just and peaceful world.”
-National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha’is of the US

Greenbelt Bahá’í Community

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Congratulations to our ERHS seniors on their graduation. The ceremony may have been virtual but life after high school is for real and the News Review wishes all of you the brightest, happiest and healthiest of futures.

Share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

City Notes

Horticulture/Parks beautified landscapes and delivered wood chips to community gardens.

Recreation staff consulted with Dr. Caitlin McGrath about outdoor movie possibilities and promoted Greenbelt Day, Summer Classes and Camp Programs. Arts staff hosted a Tableau Vivant photo challenge. With 120 people registered, at least a dozen summer arts classes will run.

Code Enforcement inspected businesses, ensuring proper distancing and outdoor seating.

Animal Control checks Northway Fields daily because people are letting their dogs loose to run. Two stray kittens and three cats joined three kittens at the shelter. Two injured birds were rescued.

Refuse/Recycling collected 27.74 tons of refuse and 10.87 tons of recyclables.

Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center’s outdoor pool was cleaned for reopening.

The Community Center hosted CARES’s diaper distribution. Therapeutic Recreation and CARES distributed COVID-19 kits to seniors.


Park Rangers handed out over 100 cloth masks provided by the Greenbelt Mask Makers at Buddy Attick Park and monitored safe use of sports fields.

Summer Recreation Online Arts Classes

Greenbelt Recreation will offer classes this summer over Zoom. Registration opened on Monday, June 1 for Greenbelt residents and on Wednesday, June 3 for non-residents. The summer class guide can be accessed by going to greenbeltmd.gov/recreation and clicking on Summer Classes. Classes include sewing and textile arts workshops, painting for teens, storybook theater for children and much more.

Overeaters to Meet

Overeaters Anonymous is a fellowship of individuals who are together recovering from a wide variety of food challenges including overeating, anorexia, bulimia and obsessively thinking of food, among others. Anyone looking for help is invited to a 30-minute Newcomers Information Meeting about Overeaters Anonymous on Monday, June 15 at 6:45 p.m. Attend by Zoom or by phone. There is no charge. For more info call 240-305-3433.

**BLACK LIVES MATTER**

BLM Bookmarks

<https://blmbookmarks1.wixsite.com/2020>

Educate Yourself


Launch Sale: buy all 6 for \$10

Basic bookmarks: \$2

Customized bookmarks \$3

Proceeds will benefit Black Lives Matter

Paid advertisement



City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET

for the

GENERAL FUND
BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE FUND
CEMETERY FUND
DEBT SERVICE FUND
REPLACEMENT FUND
SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND
GREEN RIDGE HOUSE FUND
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND
GREENBELT WEST INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

At its regular meeting of June 8, 2020, the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, adopted the City’s budget for Fiscal Year 2021, thereby approving expenditures as follows:

General Fund.....	\$29,142,800.00
Building Capital Reserve Fund	212,300.00
Debt Service Fund.....	1,107,200.00
Replacement Fund	0
Special Projects Fund.....	341,500.00
Green Ridge House.....	1,824,000.00
Capital Projects Fund	152,400.00
Community Development Block Grant Fund.....	154,600.00
Greenbelt West Infrastructure Fund	2,030,000.00

Copies of the adopted budget document will be available for examination no later than September 2020 at the City Offices at 25 Crescent Road and on the Greenbelt website (www.greenbeltmd.gov).

Upcoming Virtual Meetings

Monday, June 15 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Refinancing and Long-Range Financial Planning**, Virtual meeting will be shown on Comcast 71 and 996, Verizon 21 and Stream on www.greenbeltmd.gov

Wednesday, June 17 at 7:30pm, **PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**. On the Agenda: Council Liaison Update and Recreation Department Update

Wednesday, June 17 at 7:30pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD**. On the Agenda: Pedestrian and Bicyclist Master Plan Update Election of Vice-Chair

Wednesday, June 17 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION with Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition**. Virtual meeting will be shown on Comcast 71 and 996, Verizon 21 and Stream on www.greenbeltmd.gov

Thursday, June 18 at 7:00pm, **VIRTUAL COMMUNITY MEETING WITH THE GREENBELT POLICE**. (see notice below)

Virtual Community Meeting w/Greenbelt Police

Thursday, June 18 from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Interested in learning about your Greenbelt City Police Department? The Department will be hosting a virtual community meeting on June 18th at 7pm. The agenda will include crime trends in Franklin Park and Greenbelt Station. We will be taking questions by email in advance and during the event.

Email Questions to pdquestions@greenbeltmd.gov

Richard Bowers, Chief of Police

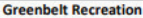
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VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Board of Elections, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Public Safety Advisory Committee, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and Youth Advisory Committee

For more information call 301- 474-8000



Guide to SUMMER ARTS CLASSES



Music, Dance, Visual Arts and Ceramics for All Ages


Live on Zoom!

Registration now underway!

Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation to download the the guide.

A wide variety of programs for all ages are available!

Classes begin on or after June 15, 2020



The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) EMERGENCY FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Drive Thru Only

Registration is required
Please call 301-397-2208
Phone lines are open only
Monday, June 15 & Wednesday, June 17
from 10:00 am—2:00 pm

You MUST be a Maryland resident
Registrants will be notified for the first distribution date

You must have one of the following to qualify:
SNAP recipient, Maryland Medical Assistance, TANF, Unemployment, Maryland Energy Assistance, or have a household income below 150% of Federal poverty guidelines.


Registration limited to the 200 residents.

Greenbelt Recreation Announces


Visit the Virtual Recreation Center, www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation to learn about summer fun plans for youth ages 3 through 17 years.

For the first time, anyone near or far, can attend our summer camps!

Reach out to invite faraway friends and family to join your child for camp this summer! Enrollment is ongoing. Call 301-397-2200 for more information.



Seniors Avoiding Isolation by Navigating Technology SAINT Pilot Project



Free Comcast Internet Essential Service (for 1 year)

Amazon ECHO SHOW 8

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) Program is launching a pilot program for 50 seniors 60+ or disabled adults 50+ living in incorporated Greenbelt to provide:

- Free Comcast Internet Essentials for one year
- Amazon Echo Show to link residents with family and friends, classes, music and more.

Households must have a smart phone not a flip phone and participate in one of the following to enroll:

SNAP—Food Stamps, Section 8 Housing, Medicaid, SSI, or Veterans Pension Recipient

For more information please contact Sharon Johnson, Community Case Manager

Introduced:	Mayor Byrd
1st Reading:	June 8, 2020
Passed:	June 8, 2020
Posted:	June 9, 2020
Effective:	June 8, 2020

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2085

A RESOLUTION REGARDING “BLACK LIVES MATTER” IN THE CITY OF GREENBELT

WHEREAS, issues of systemic racism continue to plague the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the murders of African-American men and women by police officers in various cities across the nation have raised awareness of racism and illuminated deep-seated fears within our communities; and

WHEREAS, we cannot ignore the widening gap of trust between the people who work in law enforcement and many in the communities they serve; and


WHEREAS, closing this gap requires that we address the underlying inequities that continue to divide working people in our country along racial and economic lines; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Community Pledge is designed to strengthen the diversity and celebration of all people, to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair; **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, that **Black Lives Matter**, in Greenbelt, in Maryland, in the United States of America, and all around the globe.

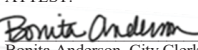
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, at its regular meeting of June 8, 2020.



Colin A. Byrd
Mayor

ATTEST:



Bonita Anderson, City Clerk

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“To me it just wasn’t saying enough. So I was trying to figure out what to do to get the entire community involved. Carla posted about doing a candlelight protest on Crescent Road and I stated I’d like to do the same on this side of Greenbelt so we could still respect COVID spacing and still participate. My children haven’t been anywhere so I was wary about having them around so many people and figured Hanover Parkway is large enough for families to participate peacefully.”

Roosevelt Center

Johns was motivated by vigils that had recently taken place around town, but many people did not know about them until afterward. “From the responses and the shared pictures ... I wanted to see how we could go about making it more united. Because Greenbelt is a very diverse community, I thought it was important to bring us all together to stand up together and show our love for our neighbors.” Although the Roosevelt Center event was not sponsored by specific groups or organizations, Johns was encouraged by friends and neighbors who offered help and cheered her on.

At Roosevelt Center, prayers were led by Ric Gordon. Greenbelt Mayor Colin Byrd spoke to encourage those present to stay involved and to spread the message to state level authorities, saying “don’t let up!” Katy Gaughan and Kristen Arant led drumming and showcased a posterboard listing the names of persons of color who have fallen to violence, so that the crowd could say their names in rhythm with the drumming.

After the drum circle, the folks who had gathered proceeded calmly away from Roosevelt Center to line up along Crescent Road, holding their flickering candles in the growing darkness. Councilmember Emmett Jordan led 15 to 20 demonstrators to the Spellman Overpass, where they held candles for about an hour. Jordan stated, “The traffic going in and out of D.C. seemed to notice and appreciate the gesture, as many blew their horns as they passed.”

Stribling urged that the point of these gatherings is to “remember all lives that have suffered by the hands of the police and our flawed criminal justice system and [many] flawed systems. I feel like I have waited my entire life for everyone to stand up to injustice. It seems to me the time is right now; everyone should use their voices to enact permanent change.”

Police Participate

Stribling was initially reluctant to contact Greenbelt police, because she “didn’t want a conflict between the police and residents.” However, when she called Greenbelt police, “Captain Tim White called me back. He was happy that I organized this and wanted

to know if it was OK to participate.” White has been present at several gatherings around the city.

At the Saturday night vigil held in Franklin Park at Springhill Lane and Springhill Drive, 20 to 25 attendees gathered. As White stated, “At Franklin Park, the group prayed together and then individuals took turns discussing ways they can be a light in the community. The group (of around 30) on Hanover Parkway lit candles and had conversation. Maryland Delegate Nicole Williams also joined and spoke to the group. “Chief Bowers, myself, and the officers working the night shift were able to attend the events at all three locations. We were honored to stand with our community tonight against racism, inequality and injustice.”

Over the weekend, several young people held a yard sale and bake sale on Rosewood Drive to raise money for bail for protesters as well as the DC Freedom Fighters. As proprietor of Strib’ble Treats Homemade Sweets, Stribling donated baked goods to the sale. (See story on p. 7)

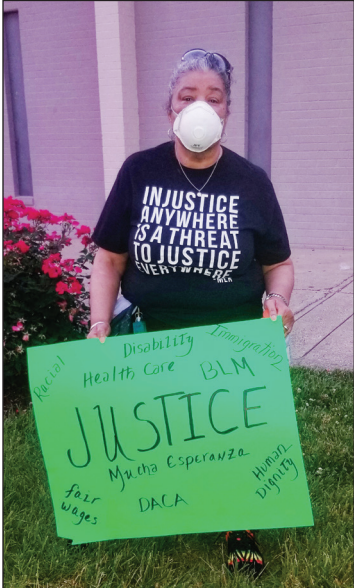
Beltway Plaza

On Sunday morning, the Hope Center Church, a majority Latino church led by pastor Sergio Chavez, obtained permission to hold an outdoor gathering in the parking lot of Beltway Plaza behind Target, with adequate spacing between vehicles. Using tents and a sound system, they were able to hold a unique church meeting, with music and a message from the pastor about the need for social justice.

Also on Sunday, around 100 people gathered for a noon vigil on Crescent Road, including members of Greenbelt Community Church and Mishkan Torah Synagogue. Cars slowed and honked their horns as people demonstrated, sang and held signs on both sides of Crescent Road near the church. Carrying a Black Lives Matter sign, Community

Church Pastor Glennyce Grindstaff stated, “we will show the world that for people who use the Bible, the Torah, the Koran, they are not props.” Rabbi Saul Oresky elaborated, “The faith communities come together with a common message, and that common message must be peace and justice for all.”

More photos can be found throughout the paper.



René Sewell-Rayson is one of 20 people participating in the Saturday evening vigil at Franklin Park.



Mayor Colin Byrd speaks at the vigil in Roosevelt Center. At left is organizer Carla Johns.



About 30 friends and neighbors, including representatives of the Greenbelt police, gather in Franklin Park on Saturday evening in support of Black Lives Matter protests and to air other social justice concerns. René Sewell-Rayson is addressing the audience.



Lois Rosado of the Greenbelt Racial Equity Alliance participates in the Roosevelt Center candlelight vigil.

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My Perspective.

Mayor’s Draft: Reasonable Proposal or Political Tool?

John Rogers, Greenbelt Police (Ret.)

I am writing this in response to a ‘draft’ (at least what I believe is a draft) of a piece of legislation entitled the ‘Greenbelt Fair and Just Policing Act of 2020’ and the preamble to same. Although it is true that I am not one of your constituents, I feel as though I have a right (and obligation) to present my comments/opinions on this matter to you because....

- I am a Black Man
- I am a retiree of the Greenbelt Police Department after 27 years of service
- I am a former city resident (14 years) and,
- I am the only person in the history of the Greenbelt Police Department to have been charged/acquitted criminally (in State court), and investigated by the Department of Justice for an allegation of excessive police force.

It’s also important you understand the following is my personal opinion, and I am not representing any group.

Allow me to begin with the preamble:

• There is a paragraph listing several ‘high profile’ deaths you claim are victims of ‘radicalized violence.’ You are insinuating each of these people was killed by the police in a malicious manner. That assumption (or accusation) is factually incorrect and appears to be used to elicit emotions. Without discussing the entire list, Ahmaud Arbery was murdered by subjects who were not the police, and although he died while in police custody, the death of Freddie Gray was proven to not have occurred maliciously.

• The mayor in his preamble stated ‘.... over the past week, I have been thinking long and hard about stories I have heard of situations in Greenbelt and about ways to improve the situation here in Greenbelt.’ What stories? Are these allegations of police misconduct? Were these alleged incidents reported to the Police Department and investigated? If not, then my question is ‘Why not?’ I ask because it is unfair to any individual or group to be accused of wrongdoing based on rumors and innuendo.

The resolution:
• Why does there need to be a resolution stating Black Lives Matter? Did they not matter before George Floyd was killed? If you (Mr. Mayor and Council) believed they did, then what purpose (other than a political reason) does a resolution serve?

Regarding the ‘Greenbelt Fair and Just Policing Act of 2020’:

I am very concerned and upset by this ‘draft legislation’ because it appears to serve no other purpose than to be a political tool designed to take advantage of a tragedy and create dissension and division between the Greenbelt Police Department and the civilian populace. It may even create division between the Command Staff of the Police Department and the rank and file. My previous statements are based upon the following fact: There is no need for this legislation as seven (or eight) out of the 12 ‘components’ of the draft legislation are already addressed in the Greenbelt Police Department General

Orders (G.O.s) which are in the public domain for all civilians to view. Both the mayor and council know these issues are part of the G.O.s (and/or The Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights) and therefore have no need to be addressed through local legislation. So, I ask, ‘Why does Greenbelt need this new law?’ ‘Why would the Mayor try to mislead the public into believing there’s a need for this legislation?’

The remaining components are traditional hot button issues concerning the police and the public. It’s obvious ‘battle lines’ are now being drawn in Greenbelt and the result is going to be police vs. everyone because anyone who speaks against these proposals will be deemed ‘racist.’ So I once again ask ‘Why is this legislation necessary in Greenbelt?’

Mayor Byrd stated, “It is true that many officers in our department are already voluntarily properly doing many of the things these proposals address. But that’s, unfortunately, not always the case.” Officers are not voluntarily ‘doing many of the things these proposals address,’ they are being done by officers because it is their duty and part of the basic tenets of their job. If an officer fails to do these things, there’s a system in place to address it. Mayor Byrd’s statement also alleges there is some type of misconduct occurring within the police department. I again ask “Did you report it in accordance with departmental procedure?”

Police officers realize there is a great responsibility that comes with a ‘badge and gun,’ and I am in no way, shape or form arguing police officers should not be ‘regulated and disciplined when appropriate.’ My purpose in writing this correspondence is to ensure they are treated fairly, and not used as political pawns, which it appears is happening due to procedures to address excessive force being already in place.

I need to make it clear that in no way, shape or form do I condone any type of excessive force use, but I also do not condone using ‘politics’ (or an horrific killing) in a way to negatively misrepresent or mischaracterize an issue or group of people.

As usual, if you would like to discuss this with me, I’m more than open to speaking.

One more thing ... Mayor Byrd is correct when he says, “Greenbelt is the greatest city on Planet Earth.”

Ask a Librarian

The Prince George’s County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) provides an Ask a Librarian service. Those with questions about the Library or its services can connect with a librarian to get answers. Call 240-455-5451 Monday through Friday between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Visit pgcmls.info/656 for service by email.

All PGCMLS virtual programs are listed at pgcmls.info/virtual-events. Virtual events produced by the Library are broadcast on Crowdcast, with select additional streams to Facebook, YouTube and Periscope.

Black Lives Matter

Yard and Bake Sales Raise Funds for Black Lives Matter

by Jamie Voytsekhovska

Este artículo está disponible en español en nuestra página web www.greenbeltnewsreview.com.

This weekend, the Greenbelt community came together to fundraise for the Black Lives Matter movement. This yard and bake sale was organized by Ana Fernandez, a student at the University of Maryland.

“I’m blown away by the support. I was expecting people to be supportive, but my expectations were lower money wise. I was worried someone would come to heckle, but nobody did. We even had a police officer stop by to congratulate us and say he supported the movement, which I did not expect at all,” Fernandez remarked. “I went to some protests organized by the D.C. Freedom Fighters, signed a bunch of petitions, but I wanted to do more. I wanted to donate, but I’m an unemployed full-time student. I just threw out this idea and the community took it and made it grow.”

A total of \$3,489 was raised, which will be donated to the D.C. Freedom Fighters, as well as local and national bailout funds. “I’m not an activist, this isn’t system-changing. It’s immediate help, emergency support for the movement right now. This doesn’t mean we shouldn’t keep voting and protesting, but this isn’t long term. It’s just to keep it going. This is by no means the end of it, we have to keep going.” For those who want to help further the cause of the Black Lives Matter movement, Fernandez encourages contacting activists and groups such as the D.C. Freedom Fighters, who have strong platforms and are pushing for change.

The now-standard safety precautions (masks and social distancing) were taken, and a sanitation station was provided, with shoppers encouraged to wipe down merchandise after touching it. When questioned about their safety concerns, the volunteers unanimously expressed that they truly believe in this cause, and it’s worth it for them.

There were about 15 volunteers, most of whom either graduated from or are currently attending Eleanor Roosevelt High School. “We’re willing to take the risk, and so are the people donating and buying things,” said Mira Willson. “People are dying from this [police brutality] too. We can’t ignore the civil rights movement,” said Faith Kim.

This event was also a good outlet for people who could not protest. “I wanted to protest, but I was uncomfortable being around so many people during this pandemic, so I decided to put my efforts behind this,” said volunteer Liam McConologue, who later serenaded the event with his French horn. “I’m glad to live in a community where we can come together safely to fund black liberation,” commented an attendee.

Jamie Voytsekhovska is a 2020 graduate of ERHS and regular contributor to the News Review.



The bake sale organized by Ana Fernandez offers tasty vegan treats while raising money for D.C. Freedom Fighters and Black Lives Matter.



Signs at the sale make clear the cause of the organizers.

Liam McConologue plays his French horn at the event, filmed by Phoebe McFarb of GATe.



- Photos by Jamie Voytsekhovska



FEED GREENBELT

REQUEST A MEAL DONATE A MEAL

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Each \$10 donation provides 1 reheatable meal to a Greenbelt resident in need. Meals are balanced and delicious. They are made from whole foods and are free from chemicals and preservatives.

Meals are offered on Wednesdays and Saturdays for contactless pickup at The New Deal Cafe front patio from 4:30pm-5pm. Free contactless delivery is available. The signup deadline is Sunday noon for the following Wednesday & Saturday.

Hosted by DC Vegan and MCF Community Church

Peace Circles

Hosted by MJ Park
Little Friends for Peace

“Racism & Understanding”
June 15 and/or 17 at 3 p.m.

“Practicing Peacemaking in Daily Life”
June 16 at 3 p.m. and/or
June 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Email c.dee@lffp.org for Zoom link

Black Lives Matter



PHOTO BY SHOBHA DUNCAN

John Henry Jones, age 92, attends the candlelight vigil on Saturday, May 30, in honor of the family of George Floyd and all brothers and sisters of color.



PHOTO BY KEN SHIELDS

Local artist Tom Baker painted this portrait of George Floyd; it is hanging on his garden side shed on Northway.



PHOTO BY JUDY MCCORD

A talented sidewalk artist leaves chalk out to invite community participation. Anyone can color in the letters decorating the sidewalk on Ridge Road near the McCarl dental office.

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I also want to thank the Greenbelt Police Department, especially Police Chief Bowers, Commander/Captain Sagan and the other police officers I saw out that day discussing nationwide concerns about race and social justice with the protesters. They could have stood on the sidelines – arms crossed, hardened – but they didn’t. Instead the officers I saw were respectful, engaging, even laughing and smiling with their community. Other police departments around the country should follow their lead.

I was especially heartened when Chief Bowers got down to my son’s level and asked about his ideas for how to make things better. The Chief listened and took my son seriously. He also answered my husband’s pointed questions about policy, procedures and hiring in the police department. The experience made us feel proud and grateful to live in Greenbelt.

Our children are hearing things, seeing things and sometimes experiencing things that no child should have to think about. They are asking questions. Who is good? Who is bad? A lot of “whys.” As parents we try our best to explain issues that adults don’t always know how to fully navigate. By engaging with my son that way, Chief Bowers did something with his simple act that I couldn’t: he showed that police are there to serve and protect their community. It assuaged my son’s concerns about whether the Greenbelt police are still “helpers.”

Certainly nothing is perfect, and even Chief Bowers admitted everyone could do better, including the police department. We, as a community, should hold them accountable for that. It is also our responsibility as a community to

continue to engage thoughtfully and respectfully with our police even when protests are no longer filling our news feeds. Our family is making that commitment, and I hope yours will, too.

Dana Tompkins

Bike Crash Thanks

I’m writing to express my deep appreciation and gratefulness to Santhy and several other folks whose names I didn’t catch, who stopped to render aid when I crashed on my bicycle Sunday afternoon at the corner of Mandan Road and Hanover Parkway. Santhy, who just happens to be a nurse, quizzed me on my condition and ultimately gave me and my bike a ride home. I just wanted publicly to say “Thanks!” to Santhy, and to pass on that my wife drove me to Urgent Care at Kaiser Largo Medical Center. I

got checked out with X-rays and CT scan, and nothing’s broken. Other than a stiff and sore shoulder and some skin abrasion I’ll be OK. Although I will certainly be taking some time off the bike!

It’s true what they say about the kindness of strangers!

Jeff Travis

Thanks, News Review!

Many thanks to the editors, reporters, staff and paper carriers for continuing to publish the Greenbelt News Review through the dislocations brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. You are providing a great service to the community by reporting important news and keeping us connected with our neighbors. When our need has been greatest you have risen to the challenge. Thank you!

Daniel Hamlin



PRELIMINARY AGENDA GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS Thursday, June 18, 2020

- A. **GHI Special Open Session – starts at 7:00 p.m.**
 - Approve Motion to Hold an Executive Session Meeting on June 18, 2020
- B. **GHI Executive Session – starts after the GHI Special Open Session Meeting adjourns**
 - Approve Minutes of Executive Session Meeting Held on May 21, 2020
 - Member Financial Matters
 - Request by a Member for a Rental Permit Extension
 - Proposed Assignment of the Membership Interest in a Member’s Unit to GHI
 - Consider Approval of the following Contracts:
 - Contract for 2020 Underground Utility Repairs and Drainage Improvements – 2nd reading
 - Contract for Installation of Access Control System at the Administration Building -2nd reading
 - Contract for a Comparative Review of Staff Salaries and Benefits – 2nd reading
 - Contract for Replacement of the HVAC Units for the Administration Building -1st reading
- C. **GDC Open Session – starts at 7:45 p.m.**
 - Review 2020 1st Quarter Financial Statements
 - City of Greenbelt’s Letter to Property Owners re: Tenants Financially Affected due to the COVID-19 Pandemic
- D. **GHI Open Session – starts after GDC Open Session Meeting adjourns**
 - Announcement of Executive Session Meeting Held on June 4, 2020
 - Announcement of Executive Session Meeting Held on June 18, 2020
 - Approve Minutes of the Special Open Session Meeting Held on May 21, 2020
 - Approve Minutes of the Regular Open Session Meeting Held on May 21, 2020
 - Legislative and Government Affairs Committee Report re: 2019 Activities
 - Succession Planning Task Force’s Report re: A Succession Policy and Emergency Back-up Plan for the General Manager Position
 - Sustainability Sub-Committee’s Recommendation re: Pros and Cons of Installing a Composter near the Administration Building
 - Storm Water Task Force Proposal re: Maintenance Procedures for Rain Gardens
 - Questions about Postponing the HIP for Some Units Beyond 2020 due to COVID-19 Concerns
 - Review 2020 First Quarter Financial Statements
 - Formulate GHI’s Final Position re: Neighborhood Study and Draft NCOZ Standards for Greenbelt Released by the MNCCPC
 - Item of information: Board Poll Conducted re: Application for a Grant from the Prince George’s County COVID-19 Business Recovery Initiative Program

Contact information for attending the GHI Special Session, GDC Open Session and GHI Regular Open Session Meetings which will be held via a Zoom electronic platform due to the COVID-19 pandemic, is as follows:

Time: Jun 18, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81731010330?pwd=d01VZlhxZmU2NHJtWdNkOTd0YmIMUT09>
Meeting ID: 817 3101 0330
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Important Shred Day Announcement

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We will keep you informed of when the next event will be taking place.

If you have questions or concerns feel free to contact the credit union.

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Councilmember Emmett Jordan expressed his hope that the city could make Peace Month last all year.

In the second, Byrd proclaimed June 2020 as 13th Amendment/Juneteenth Commemoration Month in Greenbelt, encouraging all citizens and staff to recognize and celebrate the enactment of the Thirteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which was ratified on December 18, 1865 and prohibited slavery and involuntary servitude. Resident Lois Rosado explained that Juneteenth commemorates the date, two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation, when slaves in Texas first learned that they were free.

The proclamation includes the point that slavery existed “on the farms and plantations that later became Greenbelt.”

City Manager

City Manager Nicole Ard read a statement she had delivered to all city employees. After thanking staff and the police, the statement noted that “our community, with a history of both segregation and efforts to be inclusive, has people of all beliefs and personal histories. Recent demonstrations and lootings may bring up conversations that may make people uncomfortable.” She encouraged staff to listen, review the community pledge and keep it in mind as they interact with residents. She asked all employees to help identify ways to ensure that Greenbelt is a place where everyone can thrive.

Later in the meeting, council took additional steps in response to this issue. Council unanimously approved a motion proposed by Byrd: “Black lives matter, in Greenbelt, in Maryland, in the United States of America and all around the globe.”

How to React

There was then a broader discussion of how Greenbelt could and should react to the issues raised about police policies and practices. An agenda item requested by Councilmember Rodney Roberts on “Police Training and Reporting” provided an opportunity for a broader discussion. Roberts said that the violent tactics used by some officers are learned behavior that must be replaced with training on proper techniques and procedures. He called for the development of an online database where citizens could review any officer’s training records.

Roberts also wants to see more training on peaceful techniques and called for the development of a package of police

reforms. Without such reform, incidents such as the recent ones will keep happening, he said. Roberts also objected to the militarization of policing, such as Greenbelt’s acquisition of an armored personnel carrier.

Byrd said his biggest concern was that the experiences of people of color not be marginalized. He said he hears things that are “absolutely worthy” of being addressed. He said that we need to get away from an “us versus them” attitude but acknowledged that he does not think city officers view people facing serious issues as an enemy. He noted that African Americans’ experiences may be different from those of non-African Americans and hoped that people do not make sweeping categorizations that are divisive. Those raising issues such as those raised by Roberts and himself should not be considered ungrateful for the good work city officers do.

Roberts asked whether Greenbelt allows no-knock warrants to be served in Greenbelt and noted that such warrants being served on innocent people have led to their deaths. “We need to get off the idea,” he said, “that we are perfect here in Greenbelt.” Roberts said he has seen instances where city officers were not really doing the kind of policing we would expect. “Let’s set an example for others to do better,” he said. [Note: city police do not serve warrants.]

Jordan and Councilmember Judith Davis supported having multiple worksessions on this topic. Davis stressed that these sessions should focus on the city’s force, not policing in general. She said that the department is better than they were when she first joined council as the city has addressed more and more of the complex issues.

Chief’s View

Bowers stated that everyone in law enforcement who sees the video of Floyd being held down by officers finds it to be disturbing and completely unacceptable. It is not legal; it is murder and we should not accept it, he said.

Although Bowers expressed confidence in his officers, he agreed that it is important to look for ways to improve. He

declared that it is the Police Department’s culture to not tolerate such behavior. In response to Floyd’s death, Bowers has met with every officer to discuss the department’s culture of accountability and what it takes to do the right thing. Further, he has reminded each officer that it is their responsibility not only to make sure that they do the right thing but to ensure that the officers with them do the right thing. They have an obligation to intervene to stop wrongdoing by another officer and to report what happened.

The department already has an ongoing review process as part of its accreditation to identify what the department needs to improve. While the state requires that each officer take at least 18 hours of training per year, the department regularly exceeds that requirement. He had planned to have several officers on each shift take critical incident training. This had to be rescheduled due to COVID-19. He considers this essential training that will be rescheduled once the economy reopens.

In response to Roberts’ question about the city’s armored personnel carrier, the chief called it a tool that while not needed on a day-to-day basis, can be essential in a situation where an officer or resident must be rescued from a violent situation.

Going Forward

Bowers noted that there will be a virtual Community Forum on Thursday, June 18 at 7 p.m., in which the police will provide information and respond to residents’ questions. Among the topics he expects to be covered are what the department does and does not allow and use of force. See the city ad on page 5 for details on how to participate in the meeting.

Community Pledge

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, www.greenbeltmd.gov/police
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery

May 28, 11:29 p.m., 7513 Greenbelt Road. A woman manager at Wendy’s was engaged in a verbal altercation with a woman customer at the drive-through window and in the process, the customer attempted to forcefully remove the manager’s watch from her wrist. The customer was unable to get the watch and fled in a vehicle described as a 4-door black Toyota Corolla bearing Ohio tags.

Fraud

May 29, 8:11 a.m., 6994 Hanover Parkway. A man reported that he placed two money orders in the mail at the Greenbelt Post Office in early April. It was later discovered that they had been altered and cashed.

June 3, 6:15 p.m., 5707 Cherrywood Lane. A woman’s credit card was used to make several unauthorized purchases. She believes she had dropped it in the parking lot of the Shell Food Mart the day before.

Burglary

May 29, 10:46 p.m., 9144 Springhill Lane. A video game player was taken from a residence.

June 2, 12:56 a.m., 7429 Greenbelt Road. Windows were broken out to force entry into DTLR clothing store and an undetermined amount of merchandise was removed.

June 6, 5:37 p.m., 5510 Cherrywood Lane. Forced entry was made into Demmy’s Pharmacy but at this time it is not known what was taken.

Vandalism

May 28, 11:53 a.m., 7100 Greenbelt Road. Several windows at the National Guard Armory were broken out.

May 29 3:30 p.m., 7435 Greenbelt Road. Two women entered AutoZone and attempted to return merchandise without a receipt. The manager told them that was against store policy. The women then vandalized store merchandise before they fled. They are described as black, with one woman wearing a black shirt, black pants and red shoes, and the other wearing a red jacket, black pants and silver shoes.

June 1, 5:37 p.m., Crescent Road near Greenhill Road. Graffiti were spray painted on a stationary speed camera.

Vehicle Crime

A white 2003 Dodge Ram pickup truck with Virginia tags ZY8342 was taken on May 30 from the 200 block Lakeside Drive.

A handicap placard and a safety helmet were taken from an unlocked vehicle in the 6900 block Lady Anne Court on May 30.

Paint was scratched in the 7800 block Mandan Road on May 28 and on May 31 a cement block was used to break out a driver’s side window in the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace.

Multiple acts of vandalism to the same car occurred in the 9300 block Edmonston Road on May 31. It was spray-painted, dented in several areas, had headlights and taillights broken out and the interior damaged. Two pairs of sneakers were also taken.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter.
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Virtual Recreation

Greenbelt Recreation has moved online. Go to greenbeltmd.gov/recreation to access a large range of online activities, including classes, video tutorials, sing-alongs and more. Art activities can be accessed in the Visual Arts section of the Virtual Recreation Center. The Visual Arts section features activities related to the Greenbelt Bear Hunt. Greenbelt Recreation is now offering a wide range of summer camps and classes, all online.



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Thanks to the Greenbelt Police & the Farmers Market for distribution help, Sarah Liska and Jenny Meetre who lit the fire, and to all donors of fabric, T-shirts, notions and cash. Masks go to local hospitals, institutions and our community. Kudos to Eric Case, www.getbetterbenefits.com for underwriting masks for the Greenbelt Police initiative at Buddy Attick Park.

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BLACK LIVES MATTER

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workgroup to deal with approvals and permits. Restaurants with existing outdoor dining areas need not seek additional approval but should notify the county of their intention. But, if a restaurant looks to create a new or to expand an existing dining area, they must go through a process to obtain county approval. This includes an application, a description, a copy of the current Use and Occupancy Permit, a seating chart and permission from the landlord. After the application is reviewed, the seating plan is to be uploaded onto an online portal.

Six-foot spacing between tables and a three-foot barrier between the seating area and the sidewalk or street are required.

Councilmember Judith Davis stressed that businesses need to seek county approval first, after which the city makes the ultimate decision. City inspectors are sent out to evaluate each property for compliance.

Roosevelt Center is a tricky issue, as it combines private businesses (such as the New Deal Café and Beijing restaurant) alongside a public park, each with its own requirements and codes. Council and staff are keen to promote equity for all businesses if they seek to expand further into the Center.

Serving liquor in the Center outside the current permitted areas was generally viewed as an unfavorable development by council, as it violates the city code and sets a thorny precedent. City Attorney Todd Pounds advised council that any such decision would be under the purview of the County Liquor Board. He deemed extending the area unlikely.

Council and representatives of the New Deal Café are interested in expanding food service into the Center, perhaps on picnic tables.

Council stated that it is aware of the dire position that Greenbelt businesses are now in and of the real possibility that some may never reopen.

Recreation Supervisor Greg Varda and Assistant Director of Facilities Joe McNeal gave an update on their diligent efforts to adjust to the pandemic, such as moving programs outdoors if possible and making facilities like the Community Center and the Aquatic & Fitness Center safer for staff and the community through limited use and group numbers, sanitizing stations and social distancing. Varda said that camp fees have been greatly reduced this year and that scholarships are available, as they endeavor to make sure everyone can participate in virtual programs. Normally staff would be at work on their fall programs at this stage, not the case this year.

McNeal asserted that city recreation would be moving ahead at its own pace to ensure safety, despite the plans of the state, county or surrounding municipalities.

Councilmember Emmett Jordan and Recreation staff hoped that recognition and contribution groups can develop their own safety plans for the reopening that can be worked out with staff.

The meeting was cut short by a Zoom bomb which is unwanted intrusion into a video conference by a person or group seeking to cause a disruption. Director of Planning and Community Development Terri Hruba said, "it is a fine line between trying to make meetings as accessible as possible for residents and keeping them from being Zoom-bombed. Our IT Department is now implementing a waiting room to control who comes in and out of the meeting and will also be running them as a more secure webinar platform."

Getting the Help You Need To Deal with Food Problems

For most people, it is hard to admit that eating too much food is a problem. Everybody has to eat every day and makes their peace with how they eat. Some people eat normally most of the time with permission to over indulge for special occasions or when the mood strikes. That is great for those who can do it. Unfortunately, a significant percentage of people do not have the power of choice when it comes to eating. The problem has many faces. Some consistently overeat, eating more than they want or need even when they don't want to. Others eat too much of the wrong thing. Once started eating a sugar product – cake, donut, candy, ice cream – it is like someone else takes over wanting more and more. Some end up obese and with other health problems as a result. Others decide the solution is to not eat at all and become anorexic or bulimic. Others eat abnormally but control their weight through excessive exercise.

If eating is causing concerns or problems, there is hope. Science has shown that the compulsion to eat too much and mental obsession about food is a disease like alcoholism. People who have it did nothing to get it. Once the compulsion takes over, there is little a person can do to stop it on their own.

For over 50 years, people with

problems with food have received help from Overeaters Anonymous (OA). Patterned after Alcoholics Anonymous, OA offers a community of support for people who think they may have a problem with food. The same 12-step program that has restored hundreds of thousands of alcoholics to healthy living works for people struggling with food addictions or problems. There are thousands of people maintaining significant weight loss and others who have stayed at the same healthy weight for years.

There are no dues or fees to participate in OA. There are many meetings throughout the Washington region. Normally there is a meeting in Greenbelt every Monday night at 7:30 p.m. at Greenbelt Baptist Church at the corner of Greenhill Road and Crescent (101 Greenhill), but during the pandemic meetings are on Zoom. The Greenbelt OA meeting is hosting a special Newcomer Welcome and 30-minute information session on Monday, June 15 at 6:45 p.m. on Zoom or by phone.

Those struggling with food issues for themselves or those they care about can participate in the Newcomer Welcome or a weekly meeting at 7:30 p.m. each Monday. For more information on the Zoom link or the meeting phone number call 202-362-8571 or go to dcmetro-oa.org.

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Cape Cod SFH 3br 2 1/2ba home with rem. Kitchen, above-ground pool & wrap-around deck. Finished basement with family room and office space.

Townhome with 2 additions 2 bedroom GHI home on fenced corner lot. Large fenced backyard w/brick patio, extra storage in front. Central HVAC.

4 Bedroom 3 Level Townhome Master bedroom & full bath on main level. Opened remodeled kitchen, fireplace in lr. Backs to protected woodlands.

Townhome with addition 2 br townhome w front laundry/office addition. Opened kitchen w/passthru & pantry. Fenced backyard with large deck.

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Addition - Backs to Woodlands Completely remodeled throughout; half bath on main level. Central HVAC system. Fenced yard, shed & raised deck.

Brick Townhome 2 Bedroom GHI townhome remodeled throughout. Modern kitchen with s/s dishwasher. Hardwood both levels. \$169,900

Upper Level One Bedroom GHI home with full-sized washer and dryer in separate laundry room. Refinished hardwood flooring throughout. Nice!

2 BR Townhome Remodeled GHI home w/ new carpet fresh paint & ceramic bath. Priced to sell at \$124,900

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graduating this year. Two graduates each are headed to Yale, Harvard and Cornell. Moreover, 133 seniors earned a 4.0 cumulative GPA or higher including Chrisria Lightfoot-Taylor, who will attend Howard University in the fall. In addition, 41 students earned the Seal of Biliteracy, 49 students successfully finished the AP Capstone program and 33 students completed the National Academy Foundation's Academy of Finance Program, which prepares students for a future in business and accounting.

This awards ceremony would not have been possible without the work of the ERHS Senior Awards Committee, headed by Yvette Goslee, and it is a testament to the perseverance of ERHS students and staff alike.



Aiden Benyarku, David & Juanita Maclin Memorial Scholarship Award



Chloe Widman, Principal's Award

- Photos courtesy ERHS

Not pictured are Nyla Howell and Samantha Bailor.



Chris Taho, Eleanor Roosevelt Award



Hans Konchou, Greenbelt ACE Award



Isabella Baker, Eleanor Roosevelt Award



Jailyln Brown, David & Juanita Maclin Memorial Scholarship Award



Leo Kuo, National Merit Scholarship Award



Matthew Miller, Principal's Award



Nicole Miko, Salutatorian



Nina Brown, Greenbelt ACE Award



Zion Albright, Delegate Anne Healey Award

Positive Policing, Generosity And Masks = Safety + Peace

by Cathie Meetre

A simple act of thoughtful kindness by a Greenbelt police officer and his department has replaced a potential source of conflict with the opportunity for positive encounters with law enforcement. The mask initiative at Buddy Attick Park was begun prior to the flash-point of George Floyd's murder and exemplifies the department's ongoing philosophy, not a reaction to the tragedy.

Summer at Buddy Attick Park is always a crowd-pleaser, but this year county regulations require most visitors to wear a mask. Up to 40 percent of park visitors don't know this and arrive without them.

Positive Policing

The Greenbelt Police and the Park Rangers have the duty to enforce these regulations and doing so means not only tears and disappointment for visitors being turned away but the possibility for an escalating confrontation made all the more likely by the current nationwide volatility in community/police relations.

Enter Greenbelt Police Captain Gordon Pracht. In a recent conversation relating to masks at the police station and with no inkling of the events about to unfold in Minneapolis, he floated the idea of the Greenbelt Mask Makers supplying masks for distribution at the park.

The Mask Makers, who have now delivered well over 5,000 masks to the community and local institutions, thought they could do it and Master Mask Maker Sylvia Hester went to work on an initial batch of 350 – an estimated two weeks' worth of distribution. These have been delivered to Captain Pracht and are in addition to the steady flow of approximately 250 to 300 masks and scrub caps per week made and delivered to local institutions by a team of over 30 seamsters and supporters. The park masks are similar to those destined for hospitals but more basic in fin-

ish and thus more rapidly made. Though one-time masks could be distributed with similar cost and less effort, the fabric masks are washable and reusable, protecting recipients beyond their visit. They are also less likely to remain as litter.

The first park masks were delivered in time for the weekend of May 31 and the rangers and police officers patrolling the lake handed them out with smiles and a good vibe. With park visitors representing Prince George's County's diverse racial and ethnic mix, these interactions gave families from a wide variety of backgrounds a direct and positive experience with the uniformed officers and rangers. There were no incidents relating to mask enforcement.

Generosity

If this wasn't enough of a coup, Hester was chatting with her health insurance broker, Eric Case (www.getbetterbenefits.com) and when he asked what she'd been up to – told him about her mask making and, in particular, about the lake initiative. Inspired by the perfect symmetry of her dedicated work and the pressing need, Case immediately volunteered a generous donation from his company to underwrite masks for the police initiative. He said he'd been pondering on a direct way to help and thought it the perfect opportunity. By providing resources for the park masks, his donation also leaves more resources for mask and cap making overall. Case was particularly concerned to get masks to children and a good fraction of the masks will be sized for the smaller set.

The Mask Makers Facebook page tells the ongoing story of Greenbelt's mask initiative at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/GreenbeltCovid19FaceMask/>. The count of cases in the county is high and protective equipment remains in short supply – every mask may save a life.



PHOTO BY GORDON PRACHT

Park visitors proudly sport their new masks in a selfie taken by Captain Pracht.



PHOTO BY KATHRYN BEARD

Masked Park Rangers are ready to provide information.

Greenbelt
is Great!

Luke Aten (left)
poses with Chief
Richard Bowers.



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